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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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INFO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 1471

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SO

SUBJECT: CHRYSLER CORPORATION AND ARMS FOR SOMALIA

1. MARTIN BURROWS, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ADVISOR FOR AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST IN CHRYSLER MILITARY SERVICES CORPORATION BASED IN FRANKFURT, SPENT SEVERAL DAYS IN JIDDA ATTEMPTING TO ASSESS POSSIBILITIES FOR SALE OF ARMS FOR USE IN SOMALIA. HE WENT TO MOGADISCIO ON FEBRUARY 22 TO LOOK AT TERRAIN TO SEE WHAT KIND OF WEAPONS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL.

2. BURROWS ASKED TO SEE VARIOUS MFA OFFICIALS, INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER AND DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS. MFA INQUIRED OF EMBASSY AS TO HIS BONA FIDES. WE TOLD MFA THAT WE COULD NOT VOUCH FOR BURROWS BONA FIDES AND THAT, IN ANY EVENT, OUR POLICY WAS STILL NOT TO SELL ARMS FOR USE IN SOMALIA AS LONG AS SOMALI TROOPS ARE IN OGADEN.

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY LATER TOLD US THAT THEY REFUSED TO
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SEE BURROWS DURING HIS STAY IN JIDDA, BUT BURROWS THEN WENT TO SOMALIA AND CALLED ON THE SAUDI EMBASSY IN MOGADISCIO WHERE HE TOLD EMBASSY OFFICIALS THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS IN JIDDA AND THAT THEY HAD ENCOURAGED HIS ARMS SALES EFFORTS.

4. BURROWS PRESENTED TWO CALLING CARDS, ONE WITH AMERICAN

ADDRESS AND ONE WITH GERMAN ADDRESS. ADDRESSES WERE
CHRYSLER CORPORATION, 170 OLD COUNTRY ROAD, MINEOLA,
NEW YORK 11501, TEL (516)248-1700, AND CHRYSLER MILITARY
SERVICES CORP., 6087 WALDORF, SCHARZWALD STR., 31-35,
FRANKFURT, WEST GERMANY, TEL 0611-692-471.
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